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August 24th, 2024

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Re: Serious Concerns Regarding Mishandling of Private Data, Security Risks, Harassment, and Policy Violations

Wikimedia Foundation, Inc.,

I'm writing to bring your attention to several disturbing incidents that have occurred with my account, User:9t5, on English Wikipedia, where I contribute(d). Over the past month, I've experienced a series of actions that breach not only my privacy but also established Wikipedia policies. These actions have caused me distress, and I'm asking for your urgent intervention to bring about resolution.

Recently, I have discovered that an administrator accessed my private data through the CheckUser tool without a legitimate reason for doing so. There was no sockpuppet investigation or any legitimate cause to access my IP address and private data. The CheckUser tool is only to be used in situations where investigation can only be concussive if it is checked. Admins were attempting to (and successful did — in violation of the blocking policy) block me for a personal essay I wrote that was already deleted and they forced to be undeleted in order to retroactively punish me for allegation of AI use to write the essay. THIS was the reason an admin apparent decided it was appropriate to access my sensitive data. I have only just come to discover this weeks later because my boyfriend's talk page notice on it stating that the account was blocked due to having similar network information as another blocked account. My boyfriend and I are both teachers and we both edited completely separate articles on Wikipedia. There was no suspicion of sock puppetry because me and my boyfriend don't interact on the platform. Also, there was no official sock puppet investigation listed as admins are supposed to do. Instead, an admin without any cause or any reason at all .. just decided to access my sensitive identifying data and then plug it in and see if anyone else came up to block. My boyfriend and I live together and have a desktop computer and a shared iPad. account being blocked because we share the same IP. Despite the fact that we use our accounts for entirely different purposes, this misuse of the CheckUser tool has caused unnecessary anxiety and concern for our security. This kind of behavior violates Wikimedia's policies and must be addressed immediately.

This all following alarming harassment of me and completely policy-denying abuse of power by your admins. Who willfully disregarded your projects policy several times in order to silence me permanently for calling out their bad behavior. I am facing you because my emails weren't going through.

Wikipedia blocking policy

An **indefinite block** is a block that does not have a definite (or fixed) duration. Indefinite blocks are usually applied when there is significant disruption or threats of disruption, or major breaches of policy. In such cases, an open-ended (indefinite) block may be appropriate to prevent further problems until the matter can be resolved by discussion. As with all blocks, it is not a punishment. It is designed to prevent further disruption, and the desired outcome is a commitment to observe Wikipedia's policies and guidelines, and to stop problematic conduct in the future.

First, if you don't
mind, I would love to
show you the kind of
volunteer I was.

The kind of volunteer I was



WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

User:9t5/Userpage Contest

< User:9t5

9t5 User Page Contest 2024

Note: For every contestant that participates, 9t5 pledges to donate USD \$5.00 to the Wikimedia Foundation.

Introduction



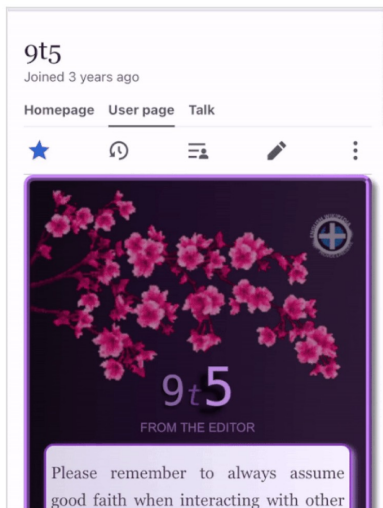
Welcome to the **2024 9t5 User Page Contest**! This exciting event invites Wikipedians from all corners of the globe to showcase their creativity, technical skills, and unique personalities through their user page designs. With each participant's entry, 9t5 pledges a donation of USD \$5.00 to the Wikimedia Foundation, supporting the very platform that fuels our collaborative spirit. Whether you're a seasoned editor or a newcomer eager to make your mark, this contest is your chance to shine. With prizes up for grabs and a theme to be announced on August 2nd, the stage is set for a fantastic competition. Get ready to unleash your creativity all while give back to Wikipedia!

Tips

1. **Understand Wikipedia's Guidelines:** Wikipedia has specific guidelines and policies for user pages. Make sure your design adheres to these rules to avoid disqualification.
2. **Keep it Clean and Simple:** A clean and simple design often looks more professional and is easier to navigate. Avoid cluttering your page with too many elements or overly

complex layouts.

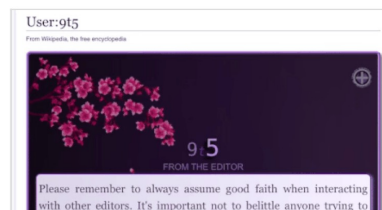
3. **Use Responsive Design:** Sometimes what looks nice on a desktop computer doesn't look so great on a mobile device, and vice versa! Be sure to test out your design on multiple devices & browsers to ensure that all voters get to see your work in a light that best represents the hard work you put in.
4. **Optimize Loading Times:** Ensure that your page loads quickly. Compress images and limit the use of animated GIFs.
5. **Consistent Styling:** Use a consistent color scheme, font choices, and layout throughout your user page. This creates a cohesive look and feel, making your page more visually appealing.



Mobile user page example

6. **Highlight Key Information:**

Make sure important information about yourself or your contributions to Wikipedia is easy to find. Use headings, subheadings, and bullet points to organize content effectively.



Was nominated and I found thin interaction during the discussion a bit peculiar.

Wikipedia:Miscellany for deletion/Wikipedia:9t5 User Page Contest

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< Wikipedia:Miscellany for deletion

The following discussion is an archived debate of the proposed deletion of the miscellaneous page below. **Please do not modify it.** Subsequent comments should be made on the appropriate discussion page (such as the page's [talk page](#) or in a [deletion review](#)). No further edits should be made to this page.

The result of the discussion was: **Userfy**. [Whpq](#) ([talk](#)) 23:49, 18 June 2024 (UTC)

Wikipedia:9t5 User Page Contest [\[edit \]](#)

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(Time stamp for bot to properly relist.) **Malinaccier**

- **Keep:** Wikipedia [already has a history of holding contests](#). My point was to encourage friendly competition, and give back to Wikipedia in the process. Just because web design isn't the purpose of Wikipedia doesn't mean that Wikipedians are barred from enjoying competitions that celebrate their skills. And again, like I said, it's been something that has been done plenty in the past. [9t5](#) ([talk](#)) 20:36, 6 June 2024 (UTC)

Me

- **Comment** - The contributions to the Wikimedia Foundation may have little or no value to the English Wikipedia. The English Wikipedia is the labor of love of its volunteers. The WMF owns the servers, but that is about the extent of the support that the English Wikipedia receives. Some of our volunteers are deeply skeptical of the WMF. [Robert McClenon](#) ([talk](#)) 03:35, 7 June 2024 (UTC)

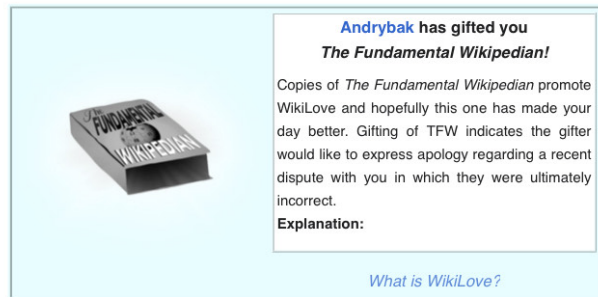
Editor with special privileges

WikiLove Template I created to apologize to other editors:

Template:Fundamental
Wikipedian

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Want to extend the kind gesture of *The Fundamental Wikipedian*? Just add `{{subst:Fundamental Wikipedian}}` to a user's talk page!

Template documentation [\[view\]](#) [\[edit\]](#) [\[history\]](#) [\[purge\]](#)

Usage [[edit](#)]

This WikiLove is gifted to any Wikipedian with whom the gifter has been involved in a dispute with and found themselves incorrect in. It is a token of good sportsmanship, and to express appreciation to the giftee for their hard work here on Wikipedia, and to extend an apology for the dispute that both Wikipedians were involved in.

Notices [\[edit\]](#)

 (i.e., use `{{subst:Fundamental
Wikipedian}}`).

Formatting [\[edit\]](#)

Format without explanation parameter:

{{subst:Fundamental Wikipedian}}

Explanation parameter:

This parameter allows you to explain the reason for awarding *The Fundamental Wikipedian*.

Format with explanation parameter:

{{subst:Fundamental Wikipedian | *EXPLANATION*}}

Example using explanation parameter:

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{{subst:Fundamental Wikipedia|The argument we had  
about apples.}}
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Result:

Andrybak has gifted you
The Fundamental Wikipedian!

Copies of *The Fundamental Wikipedian* promote WikiLove and hopefully this one has made your day better. Gifting of TFW indicates the gifter would like to express

Template I made to show you don't accept payments for edits:

Template:Unpaid

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This user **has never** and **will never** accept payment in exchange for their contributions.



Template documentation [\[view\]](#) [\[edit\]](#) [\[history\]](#) [\[purge\]](#)


Useage [[edit](#)]

This template should only be used if you have never and will never accept compensation for your contributions to Wikipedia. You can include the {{unpaid}} tag on your [user page](#) to display it.

- $\{\{\text{unpaid}\}\} \rightarrow$

Unpaid has never and *will never* accept payment in exchange for their contributions.



 **categories.** Please help out by [adding categories](#) to it so that it can be listed with similar templates.

The above *documentation* is *transcluded* from *Template:Unpaid/doc*. (edit | history)

Editors can experiment in this template's sandbox (create | mirror) and testcases (create) pages.

Add categories to the `/doc` subpage. *Subpages of this template.*

A week before indefinite blocking

Copy of your message to 48JCL: Wikipedia email from user "9t5"7/21/24

From: WikipediaInfo

Hey! I just saw your comments/speedy delete tag you put on my essay. I'm sorry if I hurt your feelings. I wasn't making fun in any way.. I was upset feeling like I had been ganged up on. I realize that your feelings got hurt that I honed in so much on a mistake you made. You're a great editor. I don't really tend to take life super serious (LOL can you see the name of my fucking email? Haha .. idk if you can but if you can case in point). I felt bad reading what you wrote and I didn't want you to feel like I was picking on you. If you did, I'm sorry.

-9t5

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This email was sent by user "9t5" (<<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:9t5>>) on the English Wikipedia to user "48JCL". It has been automatically delivered and the Wikimedia Foundation cannot be held responsible for its contents.

The sender has not been given the recipient's email address, nor any information about the recipient's email account; the recipient has no obligation to reply to this email or take any other action that might disclose their identity. If you respond, the sender will know your email address. If this email breaches

Since it will likely be wiped momentarily from seeing..

[[edit](#)]

Wikipedia:Hypocrites

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This page was last edited by 9t5 (contribs | logs) at 20:21, 24 July 2024 (UTC) (0 seconds ago) [[reply](#)]

This is an essay.

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:~ 9t5 (talk) 20:29, 24 July 2024 (UTC) [[reply](#)]



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Cooper Square Committee

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Cooper Square

Cooper Square Committee is a **nonprofit organization** based in **New York City** that has been actively involved in advocating for **affordable housing**, **tenant rights**, and **urban planning** since its establishment in 1959. The committee was formed in response to the urban renewal projects that were threatening the **Cooper Square** area in **Lower Manhattan** during the mid-20th century.^{[1][2][3][4]}

Cooper Square Committee has been involved in various campaigns and initiatives over their years in operation to preserve affordable housing and protect tenants' rights in the face of **gentrification** and development pressures. The committee has worked to prevent the demolition of existing affordable housing units, promote the construction of new affordable housing, and empower residents to participate in the decision-making processes that affect their neighborhoods.^{[5][6][7][8]}

In addition to its advocacy work, Cooper Square Committee has also been engaged in community organizing, providing resources and support to residents facing eviction, harassment, or other housing-related issues. The committee has a long history of **grassroots activism** and has successfully mobilized community members to push for policy changes and hold developers and landlords accountable for their actions.^{[9][10]}

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Cooper Square Committee



Abbreviation

CSC

Founded

1959; 65 years ago

Founder

Frances Goldin^[1]

Legal status

501(c)(3)

Purpose

Tenant rights, affordable housing, neighborhood preservation

Headquarters

New York, New York

President

Joyce Ravitz

Executive Director

Steve Herrick

Website

coopersquare.org[ⓘ]

Appearanc

Text

- ☐ Small
- ☒ Standa
- ☐ Large
- Width
- ☒ Standa
- ☐ Wide
- Color (beta)
- ☐ Automi
- ☒ Light
- ☐ Dark

Lucy's (bar)

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Coordinates: 40°43′37″N 73°58′59″W﻿ / ﻿

Lucy's was a **dive bar** located in the **East Village** neighborhood of **Manhattan** in **New York City**. Owned and operated by Ludwika "Lucy" Mickevicius, the bar was a staple of the community from 1987 until its closure in 2024 due to **eviction**.^{[1][2]}

History [edit]

Ludwika "Lucy" Mickevicius, originally from **Poland**, became a bartender in the East Village in the early 1980s. She took over the bar, originally named Blanche's, in December 1987. The establishment was later renamed Lucy's in her honor.^{[3][2]} Lucy's was known for its unchanging, no-frills atmosphere. The bar featured dim lighting, worn linoleum floors, pool tables, and a jukebox, retaining a vintage aesthetic that appealed to both long-time patrons and newcomers.^{[3][4]} Lucy's played a crucial role in the East Village's social scene, providing a sense of community in a neighborhood that underwent significant changes over the decades. It survived the **Tompkins Square Park Riot** in 1988 and the **COVID-19 pandemic**, during which it temporarily closed but reopened in May 2020.^{[2][4]}

In December 2023, the building housing Lucy's was sold to a new landlord, West Lake 135-139 Avenue A LLC / RYCO Capital, for \$19 million. Following the sale, Mickevicius faced a significant rent increase from \$8,000 to \$25,000 per month. Despite her efforts to negotiate and even pay the increased rent temporarily, the financial burden was unsustainable.^{[5][2]} In addition to the rent hike, Lucy's faced other operational challenges, including issues with health department permits and a temporary closure in late 2023. The bar was ultimately closed in early 2024 when Mickevicius received an eviction notice demanding she vacate the premises within 30 days.^{[4][2]}

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EMAILS



Fw: Abuse Of Access To Private Data

10:17 PM

To: privacy@wikimedia.org

Info

Sent: Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 3:58 PM

From: "NINE t FIVE" <santa@toothfairy.com>

To: arbcom-en@wikimedia.org, ca@wikimedia.org

Subject: Abuse Of Access To Private Data

Someone at Wikipedia abused the check user tool and looked at my private data without justification. There was a discussion about blocking me because of alleged use of AI on an already deleted personal essay. Why did my boyfriend just tell me that his Wikipedia also has now been blocked from use? He seldom uses it so we didn't even just realize this until now. We live together and have a desktop computer and share an iPad. Someone checked my private data and plugged it in to find other users who operated under the same IP.

My boyfriend and I didn't even edit the same stuff as each other. We're both teachers and he is into editing things regarding education whereas I edit things regarding pop culture and NYC activism.

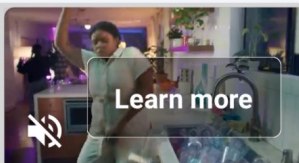
There was absolutely no sockpuppet investigation initiated because there was absolutely no reason to initiate one. Why did someone look at private data like that because of a discussion on whether or not to block my account because of a personal essay I wrote that was already deleted and needed to be undeleted in order for them to decide to block me (an action that was already in violation of Wikipedia blocking policy)?

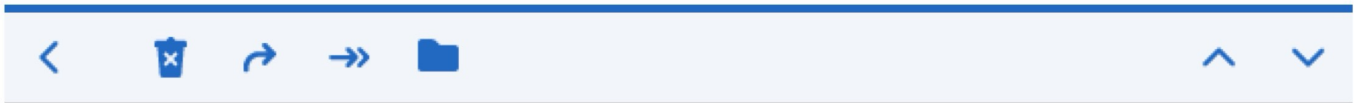
That's not just a Wikipedia policy violation that's mishandling private data. That's incredibly dicey to do -- on a real world level not a Wikipedia one.

I respectfully am asking who it was that used the check user tool to view my personal private data without cause? I would very much so appreciate that information. And I respectfully am asking at this juncture that their admin rights be revoked. Because that's definitely some legal grey area right there, and if they did it once they've done it many times. I would hope that protecting user data is of the utmost priority at Wikipedia.

As long as the admin who did that is reprimanded and removed in order to protect other users from having their private data so carelessly handled, then I am okay forgiving it and I am asking again for a courtesy vanish because I feel extremely uncomfortable the amount of mishandling of the situation happened with me and now knowing they were snooping on private data without cause has me genuinely concerned for my security.

thank you.





Re: Re: [Ticket#2024081210009105] Bullied and locked out of account in viola... 8/24/24

To: Stewards Response Team

[Info](#)

I took a good amount of time to calm down regarding the situation. I wanted to clear my head of all of the upset over it before I said anything else.

There is one ultimately undeniable truth which is that the blocking of me was a violation of the blocking policy.

I was blocked after users undeleted an already deleted personal essay I had written, they accused it of being written using AI and then they voted to block me indefinitely. The blocking policy specifically states that you are not supposed to reopen an already concluded situation in order to justify a block. The users who voted on my blocking requested for the *personal essay* that was deleted already to be undeleted not once.. but twice.. because the first time the requests was denied and the admin who denied it specifically stated you are not supposed to do that.. they then found another admin who was willing to undelete it and then THAT is what they voted to block me regarding.

Blocks as per the Wikipedia policy are ONLY to be used when necessary to stop a currently disruptive situation, never as a means of punishment and never to rehash already concluded situations.

What grounds, according to the Wikipedia policy does my blocking even stand on? It violated every single part of it.

Wikipedia policy ALSO says that in the event that a block was implemented in violation of the policy, that it should be removed from the user and that the time one must wait until the right to appeal is not applicable due to the block being incorrectly placed in violation of the policy.

Nobody. Not a single person is able to explain to me a reason the account was blocked that is in line with blocking policy.

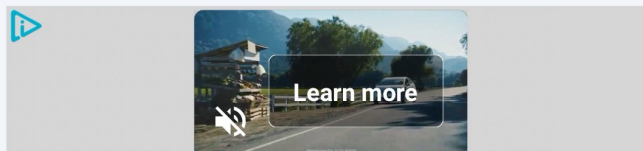
So if you are seriously going to let a user who is only 3 years into editing, clearly loved the project very much and contributed, spent 3 years trying to learn how to edit to become a part of the community ... if you aren't even going to hear me then I am asking at the very least for a courtesy vanish. Because I am hurt, appalled and disappointed in this community and I would like to not be associated with it in any way.

Thank you.

> Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 4:27 AM

> From: "Stewards Response Team" <stewards-appeals@wikimedia.org>

> To: "User:Q*F" <q*fe@teethfair.com>



Harassment

Violations of
WP:HOUND &
WP:HA

Blocked by: Doug Weller, Ingenuity

I'm an inclusionist who has become the target of WP:HOUND and an indefinite blocking in violation of blocking policy. This was my appeal:

I am blocked at the English Wikipedia in violation of blocking policy. **WP:Blocking policy** states:

"Blocks serve to protect the project from harm, and reduce likely future problems. Blocks may escalate in duration if problems recur. They are meted out not as retribution but to protect the project and other users from disruption and inappropriate conduct, and to deter any future possible repetitions of inappropriate conduct. Blocking is one of the most powerful tools that are entrusted to administrators, who should be familiar with the circumstances prior to intervening and are required to be able to justify any block that they issue.

In general, once a matter has become "cold" and the risk of present disruption has clearly ended, reopening it by blocking retrospectively is usually not appropriate. In this situation, if an ongoing or serious concern persists, several dispute resolution processes exist to allow discussion and possible sanction of a user." Source (https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wikipedia:Blocking_policy&oldid=1236600352)

User:9t5 is blocked from English Wikipedia indefinitely due to community consensus regarding accusations of LLM use in a personal essay that had already been deleted. The essay was deleted by me via {{db-author}} .. then **the essay was undeleted by users engaged in a discussion at the admin noticeboard in order to look over it and decide if I should be blocked indefinitely for it.** Source (https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wikipedia:Administrators%27_noticeboard&oldid=1239887825)

This is a violation of Wikipedia blocking policy as you can see above.

Consensus was also declared within 24 hours (**even though policy states that this process should take place over several days**) conveniently right before 9t5's temporary block expired and they could even respond and defend themselves and point out the obvious policy violation for attempting to use a block as a punishment. **WP:NOPUNISH** Source (https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wikipedia:Blocking_policy&oldid=1236600352) That is blatantly in violation of multiple policies.

Wikipedia policy also states that block may be removed in the event of the block

being placed in violation of the blocking policy.

Beyond this, 9t5 became the victim of **WP:HOUND** when all of his articles became nominated, some even deleted without seeking any consensus. This was all done by the same group of editors who were engaged at the discussion at the admin notice board:

These are my articles/essays nominated/deleted within a 2 day period.

2024 Kissena Park sexual assault case

Nominated by: PARAKANYAA

Votes to Delete: Dclemens1971, Star Mississippi, Epicgenius, Svampesky

EV Grieve

Nominated by: Dclemens1971

Votes to Delete: Epicgenius, Smuckola, WCQuidditch

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Nominated by: Dclemens1971

Votes to Delete: Svampesky

Homicide of Yazmeen Williams

Deleted without AfD by Dclemens1971

Illapa Sairitupac

Deleted without AfD by Dclemens1971

Illegal deregulation in New York City

Nominated by: Dclemens1971

Votes to Delete: WCQuidditch, Epicgenius, Svampesky, PARAKANYAA

John Lauro

Deleted without AfD by Dclemens1971

Lucy's (bar)

Proposed for delete by Smuckola

Reason: Meaningless article that seems to have no hope for expansion beyond Stub status.

Cooper Square Committee

Proposed for delete by Smuckola

Reason: Meaningless article that seems to have no hope for expansion beyond Stub status.

WP:CREATECOMMUNITY

Deleted before MfD ended by Star Mississippi

Votes to Delete: Smuckola, Svampesky,

WP:HERD

Nominated by Star Mississippi

Votes to Delete: Svampesky

<ref>Source (https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=User_talk:9t5&oldid=1239903633)

The Hounding of 9t5 (https://ia600509.us.archive.org/7/items/bullying_202408/Bullying.pdf)

WP:PUNITIVE : " When proposing or supporting an action that could easily be interpreted to be punishment, ask yourself, "Will this action help make the content on Wikipedia better?". If the answer is not an unequivocal "yes" and you still end up supporting the action, you may be an adherent to the punitive model of Wikipedia. This may also mean you enjoy the perceived "power" that you get from enforcing your

will through the various features (or bugs) of the Wikipedia community."Source (https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wikipedia:Sanctions_against_editors_should_not_be_punitive&oldid=1235676157)

The continued enforcement of this incredibly unjust block is a statement in support of policy violation and abuse of special editing privileges on Wikipedia.

9t5 (talk) 11:07, 12 August 2024 (UTC)

Retrieved from "https://meta.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?title=Talk:Association_of_Inclusionist_Wikipedians&oldid=27269588"

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Bullying on Wikipedia

Section I

WP:HOUND

The following is a Wikipedia policy:

Hounding on Wikipedia (or "wikihounding") is the singling out of one or more editors, joining discussions on multiple pages or topics they may edit or multiple debates where they contribute, to repeatedly confront or inhibit their work. This is with an apparent aim of creating irritation, annoyance, or distress to the other editor. Hounding usually involves following the target from place to place on Wikipedia.

Many users track other users' edits, although usually for collegial or administrative purposes. This should always be done with care, and with good cause, to avoid raising the suspicion that an editor's contributions are being followed to cause them distress, or out of revenge for a perceived slight. Correct use of an editor's history includes (but is not limited to) fixing unambiguous errors or violations of Wikipedia policy, or correcting related problems on multiple articles. In fact, such practices are recommended both for Recent changes patrol and WikiProject Spam. The contribution logs can be used in the dispute resolution process to gather evidence to be presented in incidents and arbitration cases. Using dispute resolution can itself constitute hounding if it involves persistently making frivolous or meritless complaints about another editor.

User:9t5's contributions over the course of two days:

2024 Kissena Park sexual assault case

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WP:HERD

Nominated by Star Mississippi

Votes to Delete: Svampesky

See WP:HOUND, WP:MEATPUPPET, WP:NOPUNISH, WP:BLOCKP, WP:BLOCKLENGTH

Despite myself writing on the admin board and saying that I was not going to be writing any more to prevent an argument from ensuing, I was then later — without another edit — blocked for 48 hours. Violating WP:NOPUNISH & WP:BLOCKP

While blocked, the editors involved in the discussion at the admin noticeboard engaged in a violation of WP:HOUND, WP:HA & WP:MEATPUPPET — by nominating all of my articles and essays for deletion and even deleting some without a discussion — and simultaneously participating and voting to delete in each others nominations of my articles. One user, Star Mississippi said that their vote for deletion on 2024 Kissena Park Sexual Assault "not because of the issues around current article's creator, but because it has been a BLP nightmare." This user, who nominated numerous other contributions of mine, closed some of them with a delete, and voted in their friends nominations of my contributions was open stating that one of their votes to delete wasn't because of the issues surrounding me. Meaning that .. the other ones were? This is all violation of WP:HOUND, WP:HA & WP:MEATPUPPETS — but none of these offenders were even warned to stop.

While I was under a 48 hour block, I responded several times on my talk page (which I was allowed to edit) to these editors as they were flooding the page with new sections trying to speak to me. I informed them that I cannot respond to their nominations just yet as I was currently blocked and didn't have plans to try and evade my block. I respectfully said I needed to wait until it ended.

This is when my ability to edit my talk page was revoked.

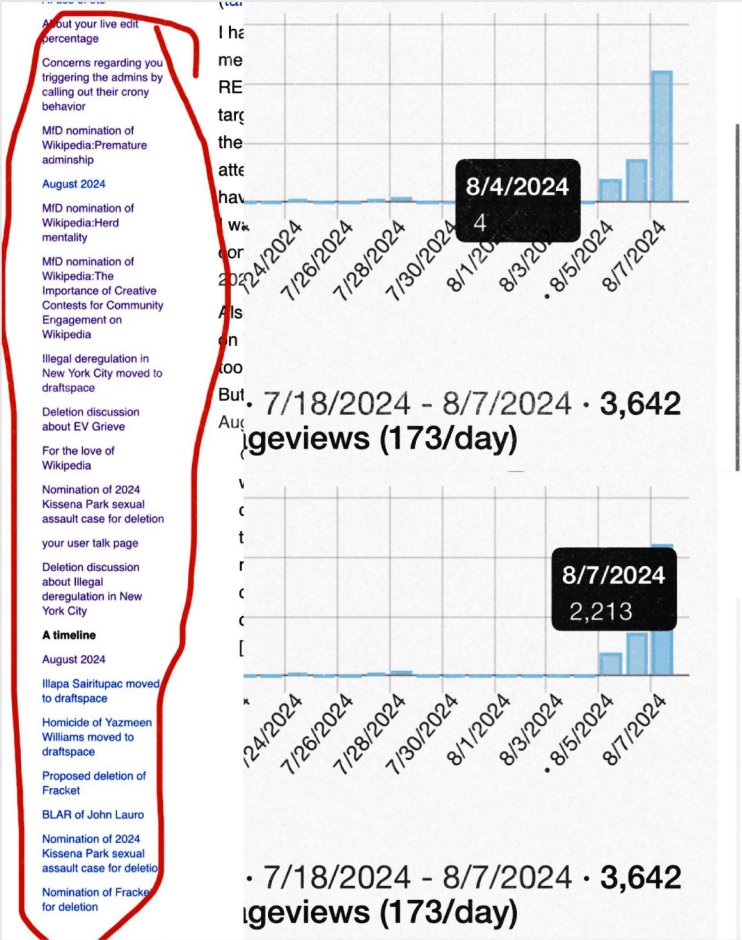
Then, as I was watching a vote take place to block me indefinitely take place on the admin noticeboard by all of these same editors, the "consensus" conveniently was decided after less

than 48 hours of discussing, not giving me a chance to even defend myself, and I was blocked indefinitely.

All of this in violation of WP:NOPUNISH, WP:BLOCKP, WP:BLOCKLENGTH

Then while blocked indefinitely, proposed deletion tags were placed on the remainder of my articles, stating that all I needed to do to save them was to remove the tag. Mocking me for being blocked and attempting to bait me into evading it.

That’s Wikipedia for you!



Page views on my talk page during the hounding of me over the course of 2 days

It is **proposed that this article be deleted** because of the following concern:

Meaningless article that seems to have no hope for expansion beyond Stub status. **WP:NOTWEBHOST**
WP:MILL **WP:NOTNEWS** **WP:PROMO** (proposed by Smuckola)

If you can address this concern by **improving**, **copyediting**, **sourcing**, **renaming**, or **merging** the page, **please edit this page** and do so. *You may remove this message if you improve the article or otherwise object to deletion for any reason.* Although not required, you are encouraged to explain why you object to the deletion, either in your edit summary or on the talk page. If this template is removed, **do not replace it**.

The article may be deleted if this message remains in place for seven days, i.e., after 06:34, 15 August 2024 (UTC).

If you created the article, please don't be offended. Instead, consider improving the article so that it is acceptable according to the **deletion policy**.
Find sources: "Cooper Square Committee" – news · newspapers · books · scholar · JSTOR

Nominator: Please consider notifying the author/project: {{subst:proposed deletion notify|Cooper Square Committee|concern=Meaningless article that seems to have no hope for expansion beyond Stub status. [[WP:NOTWEBHOST]] [[WP:MILL]] [[WP:NOTNEWS]] [[WP:PROMO]]}} ~~~~

Cooper Square Committee is a **nonprofit organization** based in **New York City** that has been actively involved in advocating for **affordable housing**, **tenant rights**, and **urban planning** since its establishment in 1959. The committee was formed in response to the urban renewal projects that were threatening the **Cooper Square** area in **Lower Manhattan** during the mid-20th century.^{[1][2][3][4]}

Cooper Square Committee has been involved in various campaigns and initiatives over their years in operation to preserve **affordable housing** and protect tenants' rights in the face of **gentrification** and development pressures.

The committee has worked to prevent the demolition of existing affordable housing units, promote the construction of new affordable housing, and empower residents to participate in the decision-making processes that affect their neighborhoods.^{[5][6][7][8]}

In addition to its advocacy work, Cooper Square Committee has also been engaged in community organizing, providing resources and support to residents facing eviction, harassment, or other housing-related issues. The committee has a long history of **grassroots activism** and has successfully mobilized community members to push for policy changes and hold developers and landlords accountable for their actions.^{[9][10]}

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Cooper Square Committee

Cooper Square Committee

AbbreviationCSC

Founded1959; 65 years ago

FounderFrances Goldin^[1]

Legal status501(c)(3)

PurposeTenant rights, affordable housing, neighborhood preservation

HeadquartersNew York, New York

PresidentJoyce Ravitz

Executive DirectorSteve Herrick

Websitecoopersquare.org^[2]

Lucy's (bar)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Coordinates: 40°43′37″N 73°58′50″W﻿ / ﻿

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Find sources: "Lucy's bar" – news · newspapers · books · scholar · JSTOR

Nominator: Please consider notifying the author/project: {{subst:proposed deletion notify|Lucy's (bar)|concern=Meaningless article that seems to have no hope for expansion beyond Stub status. [[WP:MILL]] [[WP:NOTNEWS]] [[WP:PROMO]] [[WP:FANCRUFT]] [[WP:TRIVIA]]}} ~~~~

Lucy's was a **dive bar** located in the **East Village** neighborhood of **Manhattan** in **New York City**. Owned and operated by Ludwika "Lucy" Mickevicius, the bar was a staple of the community from 1987 until its closure in 2024 due to **eviction**.^{[1][2]}

History [edit source]

Ludwika "Lucy" Mickevicius, originally from **Poland**, became a bartender in the East Village in the early 1980s. She took over the bar, originally named *Blanche's*, in December 1987. The establishment was later renamed Lucy's in her honor.^{[3][2]} Lucy's was known for its unchanging, no-frills atmosphere. The bar featured dim lighting, worn linoleum floors, pool tables, and a jukebox, retaining a vintage aesthetic that appealed to both long-time patrons and newcomers.^{[3][4]} Lucy's played a crucial role in the East Village's social scene, providing a sense of community in a neighborhood that underwent significant changes over the decades. It survived the **Tompkins Square Park Riot** in 1988 and the **COVID-19 pandemic**, during which it temporarily closed but reopened in May 2020.^{[2][4]} In December 2023, the building housing Lucy's was sold to a new landlord, West Lake 135-139 Avenue A LLC / RYCO Capital, for \$19 million. Following the sale, Mickevicius faced a significant rent increase from \$8,000 to \$25,000 per month. Despite her efforts to negotiate and even pay the increased rent temporarily, the financial burden was unsustainable.^{[5][2]} In addition to the rent hike, Lucy's faced other operational challenges, including issues with health department permits and a temporary closure in late 2023. The bar was ultimately closed in early 2024 when Mickevicius received an eviction notice demanding she vacate the premises within 30 days.^{[4][2]}

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Subject: Wikipedia email from user "HouseBlaster"

From: Wikipedia
wiki@wikimedia.org

To: 9t5
santa@toothfairy.com

Date: Monday, August 12, 2024 at 4:55 PM

Wikipedia email from user "HouseBlaster" 4:55 PM

From: Wikipedia

[Info](#)

I am probably one of the last people you want to hear from via email, and you are free to tell me to fuck off. But I think we can get you unblocked in six months time. So: Would you be willing to work with me?

Best,
HouseBlaster

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This email was sent by user "HouseBlaster" (<<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:HouseBlaster>>) on the English Wikipedia to user "9t5". It has been automatically delivered and the Wikimedia Foundation cannot be held responsible for its contents.

The sender has not been given the recipient's email address, nor any information about the recipient's email account; the recipient has no obligation to reply to this email or take any other action that might disclose their identity. If you respond, the sender will know your email address. If this email breaches Wikipedia's policies, such as those on harassment or canvassing, please forward it to the Arbitration Committee at arbcom-en@wikimedia.org for appropriate action. For further information on privacy, security, and replying, as well as abuse and removal from emailing, see <<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Email>>. To manage email preferences for user HouseBlaster, please visit the following URL:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Mute/HouseBlaster>

This was the user who suggested I be indefinitely blocked in the first place... emailing me clearly messing around with me. This was 1 hour before I was globally locked out.

Re: Re: Re: Fw: Copy of your message t...

8/7/24

From: wellsingsong

 [Info](#)

Take a break from wiki, it's not good for you.

----- Original Message -----

On 07/08/2024 14:34, santa@toothfairy.com

<santa@toothfairy.com> wrote:

> " You're so right. It IS a bummer that I think Wikipedia is so corrupt. Because I was blocked for 48 hours from editing (which I respectfully took) and rather than leave me alone as well, all of the users at the administrator noticeboard proceeded to nominate 7 of my articles/essays .. even flat out deleting one without consensus.. all while I am blocked an unable to defend my contributions and they then start a vote to ban me on the notice board under the entry I made all while I am unable to even edit. This has been such horrific bullying I was shaking before from PTSD to when I was picked on in high school. WP:HOUND" no im just the victim of bullying ...

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> > Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2024 at 8:30 AM

> > From: wellsingsong <wellsingsong@protonmail.com>

> > To: "santa@toothfairy.com" <santa@toothfairy.com>

> > Subject: Re: Re: Fw: Copy of your message to

Svampesky: Wikipedia email from user "9t5"

> >

> > Do you think you are the target of a conspiracy to boot you from Wikipedia?

Policy



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Wikipedia:Harassment

"WP:HA" redirects here. For Wikipedia's historical archive, see [Wikipedia:Historical archive](#). For humor on Wikipedia, see [Wikipedia:Humor](#).



This page documents an English Wikipedia policy.

It describes a widely accepted standard that all editors should normally follow. Changes made to it should reflect consensus.



This page in a nutshell: Do not stop other editors from enjoying Wikipedia by making threats, repeated annoying and unwanted contacts, repeated personal attacks, intimidation, or posting personal information.



If you are a user who is being harassed, see [§ Dealing with harassment](#).

Harassment is a pattern of repeated offensive behavior that appears to a reasonable observer to intentionally target a specific person or persons. Usually, the purpose is to make the target feel threatened or intimidated, and the outcome may be to make editing Wikipedia unpleasant for the target, to undermine, frighten, or discourage them from editing.

Wikipedia must never be misused to harass *anyone*, whether or not the subject of the harassment is an editor here. Edits constituting harassment will be reverted, deleted, or suppressed, as appropriate, and editors who engage in harassment are subject to blocking and banning.

Harassment can include actions calculated to be noticed by the target and clearly suggestive of targeting them, even when no direct communication takes place.

Types of harassment and disruption

Conduct policies

[Block evasion](#)

[Civility](#)

[Clean start](#)

[Consensus](#)

[Dispute resolution](#)

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[Editing policy](#)

[Harassment](#)

[No personal attacks](#)

[Ownership of content](#)

[Sockpuppetry](#)

[Username policy](#)

[Vandalism](#)

See also: Wikipedia:Civility § Identifying incivility, and Wikipedia:No personal attacks

Harassment, including threats, intimidation, repeated annoying and unwanted contact or attention, and repeated personal attacks may reduce an editor's enjoyment of Wikipedia and thus cause disruption to the project. Harassment of an editor on the basis of race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religious or political beliefs, disability, ethnicity, nationality, etc. is not allowed.

The prohibition against harassment applies equally to all Wikipedians. It is as unacceptable to harass a user with a history of inept or disruptive behavior as it is to harass any other user. Wikipedia encourages a civil community: people make mistakes, but they are encouraged to learn from them and change their ways. Harassment is contrary to this spirit and damaging to the work of building an encyclopedia.

Hounding

Hounding on Wikipedia (or "wikihounding") is the singling out of one or more editors, joining discussions on multiple pages or topics they may edit or multiple debates where they contribute, to repeatedly confront or inhibit their work. This is with an apparent aim of creating irritation, annoyance, or distress to the other editor. Hounding usually involves following the target from place to place on Wikipedia.

Many users track other users' edits, although usually for collegial or administrative purposes. This should always be done with care, and with good cause, to avoid raising the suspicion that an editor's contributions are being followed to cause them distress, or out of revenge for a perceived slight. Correct use of an editor's history includes (but is not limited to) fixing unambiguous errors or violations of Wikipedia policy, or correcting related problems on multiple articles. In fact, such practices are recommended both for Recent changes patrol and WikiProject Spam. The contribution logs can be used in the dispute resolution process to gather evidence to be presented in incidents and arbitration cases. Using dispute resolution can itself constitute hounding if it involves persistently making frivolous or meritless complaints about another editor.

The important component of hounding is disruption to another user's own enjoyment of editing, or disruption to the project generally, for no overridingly constructive reason. Even if the individual edits themselves are not disruptive *per se*, "following another user

Blocking is different from banning, which is a formal retraction of editing privileges on all or part of Wikipedia. Blocks disable a user's ability to edit pages; bans do not. However, bans may be enforced by blocks; users who are subject to a total ban, or who breach the terms of a partial ban, will most likely be site-wide blocked to enforce the ban.

Purpose and goals

Blocks serve to protect the project from harm, and reduce likely future problems. Blocks may escalate in duration if problems recur. They are meted out not as retribution but to protect the project and other users from disruption and inappropriate conduct, and to deter any future possible repetitions of inappropriate conduct. Blocking is one of the most powerful tools that are entrusted to administrators, who should be familiar with the circumstances prior to intervening and are required to be able to justify any block that they issue.

In general, once a matter has become "cold" and the risk of present disruption has clearly ended, reopening it by blocking retrospectively is usually not appropriate. In this situation, if an ongoing or serious concern persists, several dispute resolution processes exist to allow discussion and possible sanction of a user.

Blocks can be appealed (see § Unblocking). Requests to be unblocked are also decided in light of prevention and deterrence. A user may be unblocked earlier if the user agrees to desist and appears to have learned from the matter, or if the situation was temporary and has now ended. Likewise, a user who has previously returned to inappropriate conduct after other unblocks may find their unblock request declined for deterrence reasons, to emphasize the importance of change and unacceptability of the conduct.

Blocks should not be punitive

See also: Wikipedia:Sanctions against editors should not be punitive

Blocks should not be used:

1. to retaliate;
2. to disparage;
3. to punish; or
4. if there is no current conduct issue of concern.

- persistent posts of unreferenced, poorly or incorrectly referenced, or potentially defamatory information about living persons; or
- an account appearing to have been compromised (as an emergency measure), i.e. there is some reason to believe the account is being used by someone other than the person who registered the account.

When blocking in response to personal information disclosures or actions that place users in danger, consider notifying the Arbitration Committee by e-mail (arbcom-en@wikimedia.org) about the disclosure or danger, as well as contacting someone with oversight permissions to request deletion of the material in question.

Disruption

A user may be blocked when their conduct severely disrupts the project; that is, when their conduct is inconsistent with a civil, collegial atmosphere and interferes with the process of editors working together harmoniously to create an encyclopedia. A block for disruption may be necessary in response to:

- vandalism;
- gross incivility;
- harassment;
- spamming;
- deliberately tripping the edit filter
- breaching the policies or guidelines, especially sock puppetry;
- attempts to coerce actions of editors through threats of actions outside the Wikipedia processes, whether onsite or offsite.

Edit warring, especially breaches of the three-revert rule, often results in a block, either from the pages the user is disrupting or from the entire site.

Disruption-only

See also: Wikipedia:Username policy § Usernames with libelous, contentious, or non-public information

Some types of user accounts are considered disruptive and may be blocked without warning, usually indefinitely:

- Accounts used exclusively for disruptive purposes, such as vandalism.
- Accounts that appear, based on their edit history, to exist for the sole or primary purpose of promoting a person, company, product, service, or organization. See

Duration of blocks

The purpose of blocking is prevention, not punishment. The duration of blocks should thus be related to the likelihood of a user repeating inappropriate behavior. Longer blocks for repeated and high levels of disruption are to reduce administrative burden; they are made under the presumption that such users are likely to cause frequent disruption or harm in future. Administrators should consider:

- the severity of the behavior;

- whether the user has engaged in that behavior before.

Blocks on shared or dynamic IP addresses are typically shorter than blocks on registered accounts or static IP addresses made in otherwise similar circumstances, to limit side-effects on other users sharing that IP address.

While the duration of a block should vary with the circumstances, there are some broad standards:

- incidents of disruptive behavior typically result in blocks of from a day to a few days, longer for persistent violations;

- accounts used exclusively for disruption may be blocked indefinitely without warning;

- protective blocks typically last as long as protection is necessary, often indefinitely.

Indefinite blocks

See also: [Wikipedia:Blocking IP addresses § Indefinite blocks](#)

"WP:INDEF" redirects here. For indefinitely protected pages, see [WP:List of indefinitely protected pages](#).

An **indefinite block** is a block that does not have a definite (or fixed) duration. Indefinite blocks are usually applied when there is significant disruption or threats of disruption, or major breaches of policy. In such cases, an open-ended (indefinite) block may be appropriate to prevent further problems until the matter can be resolved by discussion. As with all blocks, it is not a punishment. It is designed to prevent further disruption, and the desired outcome is a commitment to observe [Wikipedia's policies and guidelines](#), and to stop problematic conduct in the future.

Indefinite does not mean "infinite" or "permanent"; it just means that no automatic expiration time (or duration) for the block has been set. An indefinitely blocked user may later be [unblocked](#) in appropriate circumstances. In particularly serious cases in which no administrator would be willing to lift the block, the user is effectively [banned](#) by the community.

Given the seriousness of these issues, I respectfully request that the Wikimedia Foundation take the following steps: Investigate the misuse of the CheckUser tool in my case, and take appropriate action against those responsible for this privacy breach. Review the circumstances surrounding my block and lift it if it's found to have been imposed unjustly. Provide assurances that such privacy violations and policy breaches will not be tolerated, and outline what steps will be taken to protect users' data and ensure they are treated fairly.

I have been contributing to Wikipedia for three years, always in good faith, with the intent of supporting the community and helping to improve the platform. The events of the past week, however, have left me feeling disillusioned and concerned for my safety. I am asking for your immediate assistance to resolve these issues and to prevent any other user from having to go through what I've experienced.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Daniel Aardema (User: 9t5)

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